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REPLY BRIEF

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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer dated October 18, 2007.

The Appellants restrict the issues addressed in this Reply Brief to two items, namely the double-patenting rejection and the Evidence Appendix.

The Double-Patenting Rejection

The Examiner's Answer states that the Appellants have provided no argument with respect to the rejection. The Appellants respectfully submit that this incorrect. The Appellants addressed the issue by requesting that it be held in abeyance pending resolution of the other aspects of the Appeal. The reason for this request was, of course, because the rejection is "provisional" and this Application will be in condition for allowance upon reversal of the remaining rejections so long as the claims from the other co-pending Application are not patented. Thus, there is no reason to further complicate this Appeal.

The Evidence Appendix

The Appellants attach a copy of the Declaration that was previously filed and inadvertently accompanied by an Evidence Appendix labeled "None." The Declaration also includes a substitute evidence appendix cover sheet for the record.

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The Appellants respectfully submit that the restatement of the rejections provides inadequate evidence to maintain those rejections. Also, the Appellants respectfully submit that the response to arguments also provides no additional evidence or support for maintaining the rejections. Reversal of all of the rejections is accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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